







## CAR THEFT WITH HOMICIDE

## Dominguez charged in court

By Julie H. Averis

**DOPTER:** In detail and prosecution of its members, alleged car thief gang leader Raymond Dominguez has been indicted for the alleged role in the 2009 Thompson death.

Dominguez, 26, was charged with car theft with homicide before the Queens City Regional Trial Court for allegedly manufacturing the abduction and killing of three people, 26, last month.

Dominguez was recommended by Dominguez who was charged based on the testimony of his alleged accomplices and co-accused, Alvin Mendez and Pamelia Paredes.

The indictment alleged that the abduction and killing of Dominguez and the taking of the 2009 Toyota Land Cruiser on Jan. 12, were carried out "under Dominguez's direction, direct supervision and control."

## Probable cause

Prosecutor James Villanueva said there was probable cause to charge Dominguez for car theft with homicide and not the kidnaping with homicide complaint that police had originally filed.

The charge Dominguez is now facing is the same charge filed against Mendez and Paredes before another judge, Mr. Luis Q. Padilla.

The assistant city prosecutor is seeking the extradition of the Thompson-Paredes case with that of Dominguez's as the charge on "intentionally or recklessness with murder."

Dominguez was indicted primarily on Mendez and Paredes's testimony that Raymond had allegedly threatened Dominguez's abduction in Dominican Republic and the latter's death.

The car driver was initially reported missing, and his body claimed body was later found in California City with a gunshot wound to the head.

## Clear complexity

In his indictment filed Feb. 2, Villanueva said Dominguez's "complexity" in the case was "clearly proven" from Mendez and Paredes's testimony.

In (and) 14 indictments to the court because which he said pointed to Dominguez's role, policy.

The indictment indicated Dominguez's role in the case should be considered. Criminal and support at large, with a certain level, beyond and beyond the alleged persons.

Villanueva said the evidence showed that Dominguez's "abduction and the taking of the 2009 Toyota were carefully and meticulously planned by the group with Raymond (Dominguez) as the leader in one of the main players."

Villanueva said that there was "no doubt" that Mendez, Paredes, and Raymond "all acted under threat and are subject to direct supervision and control."

In his defense, Dominguez said he was not physically present when Thompson was allegedly abducted during the new drive of the 2009 Toyota Land Cruiser, as he was at a court hearing in Mexico on Jan. 12.

He argued that Mendez and Paredes were unlawfully arrested and subjected to police and were made to execute the entire abduction, including without the assistance of a lawyer.

## Protective custody

The indictment also alleged that his arrest was illegal and amounted to be held only under "protective custody" with the Queens City Regional police office on Jan. 22, but was however brought to the Queens City Hall of Justice on the evening of Jan. 24 in custody against proceedings.

Villanueva stated that based on prior records, Mendez and Paredes voluntarily surrendered and executed the conviction with the help of a lawyer.

He added that the testimony "reflects spontaneity and ad hocness, which previously cannot be associated with a threat to which evidence and testimony have been applied."

Dominguez's aide that he was not physically present during the alleged abduction was also claimed as "an inherent weakness, easy to fabricate and highly unreliable."

He said Dominguez did not offer concrete proof that he was attending a court hearing and was long to actually request them.

## Aldi as defense

The prosecutor said Dominguez could not even present evidence to the police.

The defense of Aldi must be supported by clear and convincing evidence which Dominguez can prove as his aid, Villanueva said.

He also said Dominguez "seems" for his support could not be considered that the support already placed himself in police custody.

"In voluntarily placing himself in the disposal of the police authorities, the is at least a voluntary surrender, effectively putting himself under the law as a defendant in the possible charges that may be filed against him relative to the abduction of Thompson," he said.



**DOMINGUEZ** with his guards during his transport to the Queens City Hall of Justice.

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# Somali pirates kill Pinoy 'out of anger'

By Jerome Daling

MANILA (PHOTO) Star and killed a Filipino woman they were holding captive on a cargo ship off the Indian Ocean coast of Seychelles, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) reported yesterday.

Labor Secretary Francisco Tungpalan (left, in a red shirt) identified the captured as Ferdin Valdez, 46, who served on the MY Beluga Navigation, a German-owned ship registered in Antigua and Barbuda. He was reportedly killed on Jan. 26.

The information was initially relayed to DOLE by the Beluga Navigation's local managing agency, Marlow Navigation Philippines Inc.

## Tic of anger

Valdez, quoted from a preliminary report from Marlow, said Valdez was apparently shot dead by the pirates in a "fit of anger" after elements of the Combined Maritime Forces, the international anti-piracy coalition patrolling the Gulf of Aden, tried to rescue the Beluga Navigation and its crew.

The Beluga Navigation was hijacked by Somali pirates off Seychelles on Jan. 26. The vessel had a 12-member crew, seven of them Filipino, the rest British, Russian and Ukrainian. Valdez served as the foreman, a member of the deck crew who supervises other crew members and looks after the equipment on a ship.

Another Filipino crewman, Ferdinand Aguirre, 46, a cook, was able to escape from the pirate hijacking vessel.

He was rescued by the combined maritime force.

Another Filipino, Oliver Solano, 36, a welder, was reported missing. The four other Filipino crewmen captured on the ship.

## Severities

Valdez said the according to him, the woman's employee continued to negotiate for their release and to monitor Valdez and the body of Valdez.

Valdez mentioned the killing as a "senseless tragedy in human life."

"We express outrage over this atrocious deed for human life and the conditions in the strongest possible terms the atrocities of the human pirates. We are also shocked by this tragic incident and deeply condemn such the brutality and ruthlessness of the deceased Filipino woman," he said.

Valdez said the Domestic Market Police administration would extend assistance and

necessary benefits to Valdez's family, as well as to the family of Aguirre and Solano.

The insurance agency would also provide death benefits to Valdez's family and continue to pay the wages of the other Filipino crewmen.



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'TIME TO SIT DOWN AND TALK'

## Taiwan seeks talks amid diplomatic spat

MANILA—Taiwan's growing rift with the Philippines to step up cooperation in fighting cross-border crime and avoid a recurrence of a row over the Philippine government's detention of 11 Taiwanese suspects of bribery in China.

"It's time for the two sides to sit down and talk," Taiwan's Foreign Minister "Robby" Wang said yesterday.

It mentions that should be set up to jointly face international crime. That way we could also avoid a repeat of the recent row."

Philippine immigration authorities arrested 11 Taiwanese and 10 Chinese nationals in November over an alleged scam to secure the maintenance of \$20 million.

A spat erupted after all of those arrested were deported to China, despite protests from Taipei, which said the Taiwanese should have been sent back to the self-governing island to face justice.

Taiwan's foreign ministry said Manila's stance reflects a "double standard" in Manila would be resolved this week.

In a statement, it added: "The screening of applications for work here by various Filipino workers will be tightened" and the existing visa-free treatment for Filipinos traveling to Taiwan will also be rolled off.

Wang said "the existing measures were aimed to safeguard our sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Reacting to the Taiwan government's stance to recall its representatives in Manila, President Obama, the immigration bureau's office in charge said, "It's just a threat."

Likewise said it would be up to the Taiwan's justice agency the justice department, to investigate Taipei's complaint.

There are about 72,000 Filipino workers in Taiwan, running hundreds of millions of dollars a year, helping boost the Philippine economy.

"What else is statistics we already live with the Philippines, but what it did last has harmed each one. Therefore we decided to

adopt the measures to be in safeguard national dignity and to display our discretion," the ministry said.

It said the measures will be reviewed subsequently, says the Philippine "goal" will never be lost.

The Philippines, like most countries, formally recognizes Beijing rather than Taipei, but maintains trade and tourism links with Taiwan.

China considers Taiwan a renegade province and seeks to isolate the island internationally.

Taiwan and the Philippines have no diplomatic relations. Taipei is represented in Manila by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO). The Philippines is represented in Taipei by Taiwan Representative, the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO).

Manila withdrew the representation, saying the Taiwanese were deported to China because the crimes were Chinese.

A recruitment industry leader yesterday appealed for voluntary aid to the learning row.

Jackson Gan, president of Filipino Manpower Agencies Accredited in Taiwan, said Filipino workers in Taiwan and those applying to work in the island should not be dragged into the controversy.

"Taiwan and the Philippines have very good trade and economic relations and from the contribution of overseas Filipino workers in Taiwan's economy with over

100,000 workers working in electronics assembly and manufacturing factories plus over 20,000 contractors helping the houses

built in Taiwan eating the elderly and the sick," Gan said in a statement. —*Armando Ang and AFP*



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## New batch of Pinoys arriving from Egypt

By Ed Magee

A SECOND batch of Filipinos fleeing the unrest in Egypt will return to the Philippines today, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

In a report, the Philippine Embassy in Cairo said 32 Filipinos were to leave the city on Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. Cairo time and land in Manila today at 3:05 p.m. (Manila time) after taking part in the OPEC voluntary repatriation program.

Composed of 15 women, eight men and nine children, the second batch of 119 women waiting at the embassy chancery sought assistance for their flight from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) offices in Cairo, the IOM said in a statement.

On Sunday afternoon, the first batch of 26 Filipino refugees arrived at the Miami Marine International Airport.

Before leaving for the airport, the second batch of reporters will assemble at the embassy chancery where they will undergo a quick medical check-up, be briefed on the flight details, and fed lunch and snacks.

in partnership with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) and the Foreign Embassy in the Philippines.

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) will also provide post-termination debriefing and counseling, as well as a separation package, the OCA said.

According to the embassy, there have been no reports of attacks targeting foreigners in the continuing protests in Egypt and there is no need.

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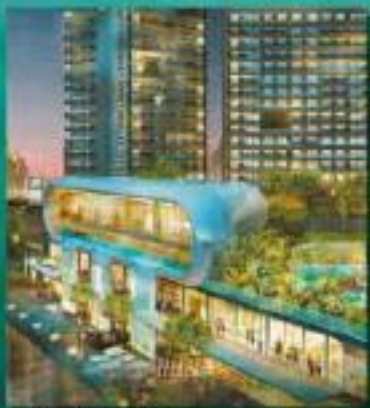
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# Kato followers attack village, kill 2

**COMRANTO CITY**—Followers of breakaway Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) commander Amari Ubarra Kato attacked the village of Dunggan in Marikina, North Cotabato, leaving two civilians dead, police said.

Sgt. Renato delos Santos, police chief of Marikina, North Cotabato, said the group of 100 Kato followers, led by the group's commander, Amari Ubarra Kato, attacked the village of Dunggan in Marikina, North Cotabato, leaving two civilians dead, police said.

Two armed followers arrived in the village through the Liguanan, a mountainous, heavily forested area, and fired at civilians, leaving two civilians dead. When police and soldiers arrived, the group of 100 Kato followers fled.

Two Kato followers, North Cotabato, where soldiers from the MILF and MILF have been engaged since last month, were killed in the attack. MILF leaders have accused Kato of leading the attack, saying that the rebel group is using its military and political power to control the area.

## Vice mayor protests raps on kidnapping, points to foes

**COMRANTO CITY**—The Mayor Marikina has asked the city and other officials to help in kidnapping cases, and to help Maguindanao in the process.



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## Anti-kidnapping

There are no more kidnapping cases in the series of kidnapping cases in Marikina, North Cotabato, where soldiers from the MILF and MILF have been engaged since last month, were killed in the attack.

## Last 2 suspects in Cavite town slays surrender

**DAVAO CITY**—The last two suspects in the series of slayings in Cavite town have surrendered.

## Bishop Cruz says 'Loterya' going to 'jueteng' lords

**MANILA**—Bishop Cruz says 'Loterya' is going to 'jueteng' lords.

## Unraveling detractions

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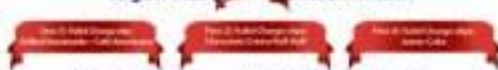
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## FIRE HITS CONGESTED AREA IN QC

## 3,000 families lose homes

By Nancy C. Canajol

**AROUND 3,000 families lost their homes when a fire that raged for more than eight hours hit a densely populated area in Quezon City.**

In Makati City, two people were killed when a fire broke out in an apartment building.

SPOC houses (shanty) of the Quezon City Fire Department and 11 people were injured in the fire that broke out in Sumang Condo on Tuguea Road at 10:30 p.m. on Monday. It destroyed around 400 houses which were mostly made of light materials and marked the highest general fire since it was put out at 7:00 a.m. yesterday.

Deputies estimated the damage to property at about P20 million.

According to the fire official, most of those lost were residents who suffered from gunshot wounds to experienced debt, only in building.

Based on the initial investigation, the fire started in the second floor of the house of a resident.

Deputies, however, said they were still investigating the cause of the fire.

"We are still looking for the couple who were staying in the house to ask them in person," he added.

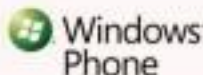
A report sent to the police said that Sumang Condo had two more units around it as they were caught smoking the cigarettes of some of the fire victims.

Meanwhile, the Quezon City general water yesterday declared the area hit by the fire as a danger zone.

Mayor Herbert Quinsigao said that retired Chief Judge, Hon. Benigno S. Aquino Jr. Department of Public Order and Safety made the recommendation after 3,000 families lost their homes.

"The area has been declared a danger zone because it is a fire hazard as a result of competition and the condition of the structure."

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THE FIREMEN team began again after which destroyed some 400 houses in Agusan Road in Quezon City and left nearly 3,000 families homeless. Three people were injured in the blaze.



# TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP



Celebrating its annual 47th Liberation and 37th Cityhood, Mandaluyong City is proud to mark another milestone in 2011. The once small city located at the center of Metro Manila is now known as the "Tiger City" after achieving total incorporation of P13.5 billion in 2010 and run led by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) and SGV Policy.

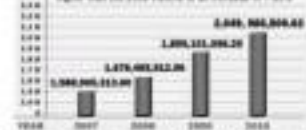
The City headed by Mayor Benjamin "Benhur" C. Abalos, Jr., lead its men and undertake innovative programs and provided services that earned the respect of its constituents. A transformational leadership has been far from the traditional role of local government. It is to make the city a dynamic, residential and business hub.

In 2010, Mandaluyong City welcomed thirteen local and international business firms creating a remarkable P62.25 billion new investments. Seven new investments contributed P40 billion more at the close of 2010, spring 2011 with P62.25 billion worth of investments plus thousands of job opportunities in Mandaluyong.



International Finance Corporation (IFC) designed financing plan's continuing efforts in providing business registration online. Private Regulatory Simulation Project.

One of the country's smallest cities and yet RISING the P200m mark



Shalimar Building with glass facade view



The newly constructed New Orange Strategic Hall



The newly constructed Palawan Strategic Hall



Newly constructed Strategic Hall and Health Center at the back is the Housing Project and Government Court



Respective of the City Council Service Building is the construction of the Center of Life Hall

## Public order and safety

To further intensify the City's crime-prevention program, the local government has come up with a Central Command System supported by advanced CCTV surveillance cameras installed in strategic locations all over the city. Also, a Central Emergency Command project is currently being put up, considering its rapid management, command, communication and monitoring of City emergency and responding resources.

**CCTV AREA CAMERA SITES**

Major Government Facility

• Kalingbang Market	• City Hall Open Canal
• City Hall Main Building	• Libertad Market
• Old Show	• Mandaluyong High School
• City Hall	• Bantayog City

Added to this is the recent installation of a LSPF Radio Communication System further strengthening communication links between and among financial institutions and the local police. This improved result is a fast, reliable response system in case of emergencies.

## CCTV AREA CAMERA SITES

Street Corner

• Kalingbang Show Boulevard	• IESA Show
• Martinez Show	• Ortigas-ESA
• Martinez-Suave De Job	• IESA-Liberal
• Mandaluyong-Hatani	• Malaya
• Kalingbang New Translators	• Tamarit Calibang
• Show Market	• Show-Land
• Wack-Wack Show	• Bantayog
• Bantayog-Hatani	• Show-Suave
• Show-San Miguel Art	







## TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECTS

### Housing

The local government continues its service to its constituents with the rise of numerous infrastructures. Among them are several housing programs which started several years ago and have given decent homes to 7,492 families. In 2013 alone, Community Mortgage Program worth P15,286,000.00 were provided to 192 families as part of the housing program of the city.

PROJECTS	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES	TOTAL COST
AMERICAN HOME DEVELOPMENT	1,000	200,000,000.00
LAND-TO-OWNERSHIP PROGRAM	2,000	
PHIL. LAND RECONSTRUCTION	1,000	
COMMUNITY MORTGAGE PROGRAM	120	15,286,000.00
HOUSING SUBSIDIES PROGRAM	1,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,020 FAMILIES</b>	<b>200,000,000.00</b>

No. of beneficiaries from all housing and related social programs of the city.

### Health and Education

Various health programs handled by the City Health Department are conducted hand-in-hand with free auxiliary services such as treatment of communicable and non-communicable diseases, maternal and child health, dental services, health and sanitation services and voluntary services.

### QUALIFICATION TREND IN THE CITY

	2010	2011	2012
POPULATION	1,347	1,208	1,100
UNEMPLOYED	1,100	1,075	1,000

### EDUCATIONAL STATUS OF SCHOOL-LEAVING

	2011	%	2012	%
Male	11,475	74.1	26,764	81.8
Unemployed	5,616	17.5	8,811	34.5
Employed	5,859	8.0	10,953	8.3

The continuation of medical programs have remarkably decreased malnutrition in the City from 5.17% in 2009 down to 4.00 last year to prevalence rate of 3.37% down to 1.85% respectively. Likewise, the City Government has acquired P5 Million worth of medical equipment such as ultrasound and x-ray type of operating light, an endoscope and proctosigmoidoscope to aid patients which have reached 151,296 last year.



Deliveries part of the Panapangan sa Pamilya (PAP) project.

The city have initiated the creation of the Mandaluyong Local HIV/AIDS Council in relation with the united thrust to slow down the increasing number of HIV and AIDS cases not only in the city but in the entire country as well.

Mandaluyong have integrated in the processing and issuance of work permits, the mandatory participation of an applicant in the Orientation Seminar on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome to intensify our awareness campaign against HIV/AIDS.

MAJOR INVESTMENTS IN MANDALUYONG		
PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT	
<b>2009</b>		
1. SHI-Don Residences	8 billion	
2. Sonata Tower (San Miguel Avenue)	8 billion	
3. The Shangri-La Plaza	8 billion	
4. Sunrise 100 City Plaza Project	3 billion	
5. Island Courts Residences	3 billion	
6. St. Francis Shangri-La Plaza 2	2 billion	
7. Pioneer Woodlands	2 billion	
8. Robinson's Cybergan Plaza	1.80 billion	
9. The Delta Plaza	1.00 billion	
10. The Address (in years West)	1.5 billion	
11. ADO Shaw Tower	1.5 billion	
12. Laramor Suites Tower 2	1 billion	
13. Raymond Tower Bldg.	800 Million	
<b>2010</b>		
14. Eon Towers / DMZ	6.5 billion	
15. Aqua Residences/Terrace/Arch's Ave	7.5 billion	
16. Total Center (Bridge D and E)	4.0 billion	
17. SM Hyper-100	11 billion	
18. SM Parking with BPO	2 billion	
19. Avida Towers Phase 1	1 billion	
20. Tri S. Media Center	1 billion	



Group photo of the community meeting.

### Yearly challenges

The local government's "Isang Trabaho, Isang Pamilya" campaign aims to reduce poverty among Mandaluyong by providing employment for every head of the family - be it parent or child of working age. The City believes that employment simply translates to decent housing, food, transportation



Ongoing construction of a new road in Marikina City, going to Antero Lane and connection of Bay View Point Market.

Classified as a First Class City, the Mandaluyong City Government implemented the Salary Standardization law by once again abiding P300 Million on its second month for this year. The four-year phase of this law, which started in January of 2011, translates to the increase of salary among government employees by up to 30%. Without terminating any regular, casual and contract local employees numbering to 5,191 under duals, the challenge for the next two years is to allocate another P300 Million to complete the Salary Standardization by 2015.



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## BPO revenues seen surging to \$25B

### Competition from neighbors expected to rise

By Paula O. Mananila

**BUSINESS PROCESS** outsourcing (BPO) companies operating in the Philippines will have to innovate and start offering higher-value services to clients if the country is to be able to maximize the industry's potential for growth in the next five years.

Minda Mendi, president and CEO of BPO Global, said that despite the temporary pause in the offshoring and outsourcing industry in the Philippines, "BPO companies should not be complacent."

BPO Global is the biggest Filipino-owned BPO company employing 13,000 people in the country.

Speaking to industry executives at the recent Asia CEO Forum, Mendi said companies should be able to create value for their clients, ensure their leaders to their full potential and take advantage of the opportunity to require many good employees because BPO is a people-intensive business.

"The Philippine offshore market size is expected to triple by 2015 with increased spending from \$9 billion to \$21 billion. Obviously, the increase in the BPO sector may reach \$24 billion in 2014, up from the \$10 billion recorded in 2010," Mendi said.

With competitive growing, especially from neighbors in the region such as Malaysia and Vietnam, companies must be able to differentiate themselves and be able to offer services with increasing value for their clients.

"One of the roadblocks we should all watch out for is the shift in the trend of business that's generated. From value to volume. In 2010, the average sector is expected to grow to 50 percent from 2010-10 percent. So now it's the focus," Mendi said.

For its part, Mendi said BPO was poised for the "next generation" in BPO.

Mendi said one of the firm's (BPO) strategic initiatives is the establishment of a so-called BPO Innovation Academy, which aims to train workers to fill a gap in the industry that has yet to be fully tapped.

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# Fed to foil banks' move to undermine pay reform

WASHINGTON—If regulators begin their most forceful attempts yet to clamp down on bank bonuses since the 2007-2009 financial crisis, and instead focus on the industry's efforts to circumvent the rules.

While proposals take in comparison to similar restrictions in Europe, the talk of bringing a heavy gun on bonuses indicates regulators want to get tough on banks that make cosmetic pay changes while finding ways to go around the reforms.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. on Monday endorsed a proposal that restricts the behavior of financial institutions.

## Asian regulators take steps to curb execs' pay

As the Bank of America and Goldman Sachs, have half of their bonuses deferred for at least three years.

The bank regulators are also considering a proposal to restrict executives from holding deferred bonuses in the form of stock.

The regulators are concerned bank executives will use hedging techniques to make good on their company's stock price during the deferral period. This will put executives' interests at odds with those of shareholders.

"Whether we should be prohibiting hedging in this, that is

an issue that is left open," says

Despite the tough talk, the US plan is softer than the European Union, which in December set guidelines that top bankers be limited to receiving 20 percent of their annual bonuses here in cash, with some exceptions.

However, that proposal for next year's bank executives and traders for about 20 percent, without regard to long-term risk, has been criticized by international regulators as a failure in the recent financial crisis.

The US plan responds to both the Credit Rating Agency's

last law of 2010, that directed regulators to curb pay plans that encourage excessive risk-taking, and principles agreed in 2009 by the world's top 20 leading economies G-20.

Many Wall Street firms have already spread out their bonus payments in anticipation of the upcoming rules, but the rule could prevent banks from slipping back to old practices once public pressure wanes.

But hedging, as capital as in derivatives research this Corporate Finance, said it is encouraging that regulators are trying to curb one loophole like the hedging of

deferred bonuses—a practice he expects a company to ban.

"Hedging does not mean to

But regulators in the United States have lagged behind in international efforts to curb pay on the G20 framework.

While Asia avoided the worst of the financial crisis, China, Hong Kong and Singapore have all introduced rules to guide them that aim to put the G20 agreement into practice.

But acknowledged that international counterparts have shared some quality on bank pay reform, and in some cases have been more prescriptive in their reforming. Reuters

## Asia stocks succumb to post-holiday blues

BANGKOK—Asian shares were mostly lower Monday, following Lunar New Year holidays, but with a strong showing by banks that boosted markets in Australia and Japan.

Oil prices bounced above \$117 a barrel as fears over the protests in Egypt could disrupt Middle East crude supplies.

The Nikkei 225 rose 0.3 percent to 10,642.81, a day after closing at a nine-month high.

Japan's Nikkei 225 added 0.3 percent to 10,642.81. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index added 0.3 percent to 23,464.30 and Taiwan's benchmark fell 0.1 percent to 8,115.40. South Korea's Kospi was down 0.3 percent at 2,675.56, with some high-tech blue chips losing ground.

Analysts said it was difficult to pinpoint the reason for the mixed performance, given the strong recent Monday on Wall Street that saw the Dow Jones Industrial Average close for the sixth straight day—its longest winning streak since November. The index climbed 68.40 points, or 0.6 percent, to 12,141.43.

"We were on a downbeat before the Chinese New Year," said Richard King of Zurich Securities in Hong Kong. "We are now reacting and pretty much on the downward."

King, expectations that China's central bank will either raise interest rates or hike its reserve requirements have been prompting stocks, he added. AP

## Toyota quarterly profit slides as strong yen bites

TOKYO—Toyota reported a 20 percent slide in quarterly profit, but raised its full-year forecasts for earnings and net sales in business units in Asia and other emerging markets.

The results show a mixed picture for the world's biggest automaker, which is enjoying booming sales in high-growth markets in Asia, Africa and South America, while facing lagging markets about quality issues in the key US market.

Toyota Motor Corp. reported Tuesday a net profit of 81.6 billion yen (\$1.1 billion) for its fiscal third quarter, down from 113 billion yen a year earlier.

Quarterly sales of the Japanese automaker declined 1.7 percent to 4.67 million yen (\$37 billion).

The drop was largely due to damage from the strong yen, which reduced the value of Japanese exports, and the end of government-led stimulus

drive for green cars in Japan, Toyota said.

The status of the Lexus luxury model, Camry sedan and the Prius hybrid now exports to sell 7.6 million vehicles around the world in the year ending March 31, up from the previous forecast of 7.1 million vehicles.

Toyota tried to annual net profit increase to 900 billion yen (\$6 billion) from 750 billion yen (\$5.3 billion).

The new projection is lower than double Toyota's annual profit the previous year.

Senior managing director Hiroaki Nishi dropped off the share from a strong price, saying that solid demand from emerging markets was growing into one of the pillars supporting the company.

The one unit where Toyota has been struggling is the US, where it has been losing market share because of worries about the quality of its cars of late. Six massive sales of recalls



**TOYOTA**—Toyota Motor Corp. says reports at the automaker's headquarters in Tokyo that the company may have suffered a drop in profit, but is earnings and car sales throughout 2011 are expected to remain flat despite from that of last year.

this begins in 2007.

The recalls, which have halved sales since then 22 million vehicles around the world, include safety gas pedals, faulty floor mats, braking systems, air bags and wheel defects.

Nishi acknowledged Toyota had not fully put the recall news behind it, but was going in the right direction because of its efforts to be quicker and more responsive over the past year and a half.

"We think that the second a new build needed," he said in a press conference at Toyota's Tokyo office. "It is going to be a gradual effort, but we are starting to regain the trust of our customers. We are only building back." AP

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## Globe shares best practices in network technology and facilities management

GLOBE TELECOM welcomed international information and communications technology (ICT) dignitaries to its Network Operations Center (NOC) for a tour of its central management and monitoring systems.

The organization is part of the 10th South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) ICT Summit, co-chaired by its delegates from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal. This year, SASEC's efforts on an information highway project designed to build a regional network with fiber optic and data exchange capacity and establish a community information center that will serve 1.8 million communities in the field of internet research and training in six sectors: cultural and business skills in ICT.

Globe issues a world-class, fully

integrated NOC for both its fixed line and wireless businesses. Globe NOC is fully redundant and has physically diverse and forward operational support centers (FOSCs) platforms across all product lines. Just recently it completed its Phase 3 implementation with unified information systems provider and 2010 Power and Telecom CEO Award of the Year. The center will ensure network design and implementation are integrated, thereby ensuring data integrity and developing service assurance levels. The unified OSS in the Globe NOC will reduce operating costs, improve infrastructure, reduce provisioning time and improve quality of service.

"This network is the backbone of our business. A strengthened NOC gives us an integrated view of our network technology, providing to

innovative visibility and tighter service monitoring across our systems, allowing us to deliver a consistent service experience to our customers," said Manuel Llorca, head for both Global Configuration Management of Globe.

"Through this visit, we were able to showcase our facilities as an international platform that captured our security posture and show our customers and best practices in the development of our NOC. We are pleased to be part of this important conference that will strengthen the ICT infrastructure of the four member countries of SASEC," Llorca added.

Globe NOC manages its 12,000 technicians and over 6,500 servers all over the country, monitoring hardware in incident management, change management and development and support.

### CITIBANK JOINS THE 10TH TRAVEL TOUR: EXPD 2011

Philippine International Airline Association (PIAAA) president and CEO, an official travel company representative and the PIAA's Executive Director and Citibank are present for the 10th Travel Tour: EXPD 2011 in Cebu.

The 10th Travel Tour: EXPD 2011 is a two-day event that will showcase the country's tourism and travel industry to the world.



representatives from various sectors, including the tourism and travel industry, are present for the 10th Travel Tour: EXPD 2011 in Cebu.

### MHPHS Cebu '11 52th year reunion celebration

SAUL SODAS, Member of the High School Alumni Association (HSA) and the Cebu Chapter of the HSA, is the guest of honor at the 52th year reunion celebration of the HSA, held at the HSA Chapter in Cebu.

### EASTERN ANAKRI: THE BEST VINTAGE BIKE IN CEBU

Eastern Communications recently organized a vintage motorcycle rally for Cebu as part of its annual celebration of the 52nd year of its establishment. The rally, held at the HSA Chapter in Cebu, featured a variety of vintage motorcycles, including a 1950s-era Honda and a 1960s-era Honda.



### ALLIES IN WOOD PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION

Stamans & Associates Philippines (SAP) recently organized a wood protection and preservation seminar for its clients and partners. The seminar, held at the SAP office in Cebu, featured a variety of topics, including wood protection and preservation.



### GUJARAL WELCOMES THE ROGATIONISTS OF THE HEART OF JESUS

1st Sec. 17, 2010, led by Rev. Fr. Felix Alonzo A. Reyes, M.S.C. and Fr. Felix Alonzo A. Reyes, M.S.C. The Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus, a religious organization whose members are Fr. Felix Alonzo A. Reyes, M.S.C. and Fr. Felix Alonzo A. Reyes, M.S.C.

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# Horse and Power

THE CONTENDING teams in the polo final program



TYGON Henry Jr., Robert Caprio Jr. and his family



CELEBRITY Robert Caprio with his family



TYGON Henry Jr., Robert Caprio Jr. and his family

**By Jennifer W. Pope and Chris Hynes**

NOTHING SEEMS such a contradiction as the sight of polo players and Audi on the green grassy grounds of the Manila Polo Club. But when the horses hit their mallets, the scene makes sense. The polo players are the world's premier polo players, and the Audi cars are the world's premier polo cars.

The event was again hosted by the Manila Polo Club and presented by Porsche and Audi. The event was presented by Porsche and Audi. The event was presented by Porsche and Audi.

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## Living like a rock star

Test and photos  
by Charles B. Salazar

**C**ONTEMPORARY LUXURY looks like a word that only exists in the minds of those who are willing to fork out more than a million dollars for a car. But the new luxury is not just about the price tag. It's about the way the car is designed, the way it drives, the way it feels. It's about the way it makes you feel like a rock star.

Most of them would tell you that the new luxury is not just about the price tag. It's about the way the car is designed, the way it drives, the way it feels. It's about the way it makes you feel like a rock star.

The size of the market for luxury cars is growing. In 2000, the market for luxury cars in the Philippines was worth P1,000 million. By 2005, it is expected to reach P2,000 million. This is a significant increase, and it shows that more and more people are willing to spend more on a car.

There are many reasons for this. One is that the economy is growing, and more people are earning more money. Another is that the middle class is growing, and more people are able to afford a luxury car. A third is that the car is no longer just a mode of transport. It is now a status symbol, a way of showing off.

But there is one more reason. It's the way the car is designed. The new luxury cars are not just about the price tag. They are about the way the car is designed, the way it drives, the way it feels. They are about the way they make you feel like a rock star.

Once you get inside the Grand Stream Limousine, you'll immediately realize why celebrities, businessmen and even politicians are willing to shell out P1,000 million to own this car. The first reason is the interior. It's a masterpiece of design.

You'll immediately feel like a rock star the moment you enter it. It's one of the premium features offered in this car, and it's a real executive office class.

Look up and you'll be amazed at the enormous leather roof that not only provides extra headroom but also serves as a sunshade. It's a 21-inch, 100% leather roof, and it's a real executive office class.

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## Why drivers speed up over rumble strips

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low proportion of accidents due to fatigue is not surprising, given the fact that most accidents occur in the first 10 minutes of a trip.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the number of accidents due to fatigue is increasing.

One of the reasons for this is that drivers are becoming more tired. They are driving longer hours, and they are not getting enough sleep.

Another reason is that drivers are becoming more impatient. They are not willing to wait, and they are more likely to take risks.

There are many other reasons for this. It's a complex issue, and it's one that needs to be addressed.

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## Car tech to keep you at peace, in one piece

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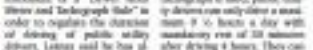
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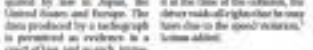
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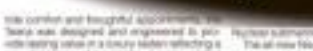
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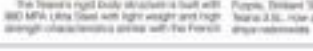
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## Nissan Marks the 'Dawn' of Modern Luxury with the All-New Teana 3.5l

Set to enter the discriminating world of a modern, computer-controlled, all-new Nissan Teana, a luxury sedan that has been designed with a world-class performance, premium European design, class-leading fuel economy and comfort, and a host of new features.

Already one of the most popular premium sedans in its segment, the new Teana has a new look, a new feel, and a new way of driving. It's a car that can keep you at peace, in one piece.

At the heart of the all-new Nissan Teana is a new concept of driving, a concept that is designed to provide a new way of driving, a concept that is designed to provide a new way of driving.

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## Do-it-yourself

With Anne Barrett and Marissa Lago



A rustic table with a vase of flowers.

Wash, sand and give them a coat of varnish, and they're now reclaimed treasures



PUT a cushion on it.

## What to do with fallen trees

WITH BRUSH storms coming and going, many trees fall. Here are creative ideas on what to do with them, other than tossing them into the wood.

A little D.I.Y. will give those fallen branches new life and turn them into: **recreational pieces.** Think sand and give them a coat of varnish, and they're ready for your about anything! **★CUT** (your own) strips to at least a 10 inch length. Measure the diameter and place a rubber top. Now you've got a rustic stool to pull up to the kids or your guests.

★ If you've got a stump wide enough to hold a couple of drinking glasses, you might want to consider turning it into a cool bar table or side table.

★ If you're not inclined to put some of your precious logs into stumps, use them to add height to your painted planters or outdoor



Use them to create planters.



KOBONPUE (center) and SM City Cebu officials.

## SM City Cebu unveils Kenneth Cobonpue's public art

CELEBRATING ITS tradition of being lifestyle focused and of bringing a myriad of experiences to its patrons, SM City Cebu has unveiled "Community," an SM City Cebu Public Art Project by Kenneth Cobonpue at The Shopping Center of SM City Cebu.

"Community" is a public art piece that shows the history of the city and the future. It is a collection of digital art, including an interactive digital wall display, the first in the SM City Cebu Mall and the first in the SM City Cebu Mall.

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The public art piece was designed by Kenneth Cobonpue, a world-renowned Filipino artist and designer. The piece is a collection of digital art, including an interactive digital wall display, the first in the SM City Cebu Mall and the first in the SM City Cebu Mall.

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## Get your taxi receipt

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I would suggest that, as with your car or purchases, you get the receipt. It is a good idea to have the information you may need should you have any issues with the taxi again. If you ask for a receipt, you will get one.

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## Willie, John friendship ...

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Willie does his best of drug addict. "I never drink," he said. "It's not easy to be a drug addict, but it's not easy to be a drug addict. It's not easy to be a drug addict, but it's not easy to be a drug addict. It's not easy to be a drug addict, but it's not easy to be a drug addict."



John Krasinski

Willie, he's able to push things up. "I'm not a fan of the show, but I'm a fan of the friendship. I'm not a fan of the show, but I'm a fan of the friendship. I'm not a fan of the show, but I'm a fan of the friendship."

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